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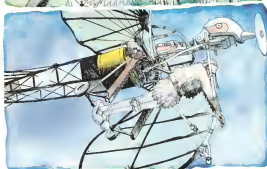
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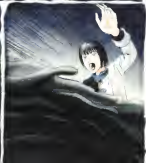
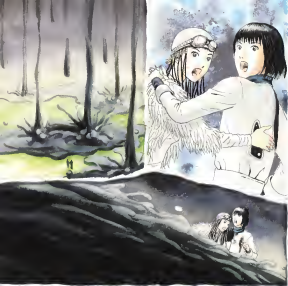
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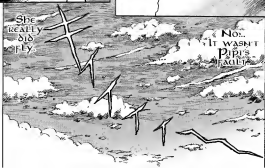














THE
ARGUMENT
THAT SAND-
SPLATTERING
WAS
HANGING OUT.
I HEARD IT.

THE
SOUND OF
THE AUTO-
MATIC
MACHINE
GUN'S
CIRCUITS
SHORTING
OUT...



...WITHIN
THE COM-
PRESSED
ENGINE OF
THE "BIRD"

THE
SOUND OF
THE STEAM
VALVE
SHUTTING
AND OVER-
HEATING...



Resounding
along with
that noise,
Pippi's bird
and Oskar's
automatic
machine
shattered.



A... FOR THE
THE NOISE'S
SOURCE...
I AM SURE
IT CAME
FROM
MARIE.

THAT
OUT-OF-
TUNE
MUSIC OF
MARIE...

Why...
For what
purpose?



I couldn't
confess my
feelings to
Ken...



Papi,
Rung...

I just
wanted him
to see it...



A whole
year,
huh...

That was
the only
way.



One
year...
is far
too long.



Why can confessions
only be made once
per year?









MY GILL
WAS NEXT
YEAR.



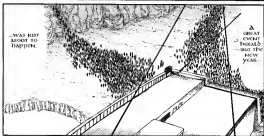
REAL...



AND IF THAT
ENDED UP NOT
WORKING
OUT, THEN
THERE'S
ALWAYS THE
YEAR AFTER
THAT.

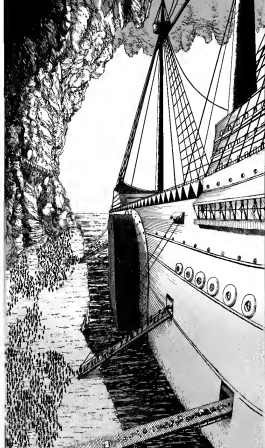


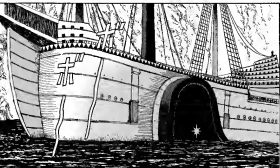
Autumn passed
and a cold wind
began to blow
across the land of
Pier. Gradually,
the time for the
first snow to fall
came along.



...was just
about to
happen.

A
great
event
would
mark the
new
year.

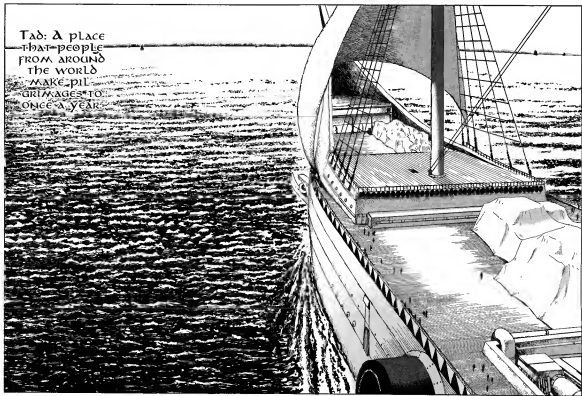








Tad: A place
that people
from around
the world
make pil-
grimages to
once a year.



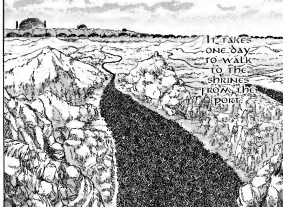


Countless
ships are
arriving
from all
over...



COMBINING
THE THREE
THOUSAND
SPIRES AND
MANY
SHRINES, IT IS
NO SMALLER
THAN JARIN.

DURING THE
TEN DAYS OF
PILGRIMAGE,
TAD BECOMES
BURIED IN
TENS OF
THOUSANDS
OF PEOPLE.



IT TAKES
ONE DAY
TO WALK
TO THE
SHRINES
FROM THE
PORT.



THERE ARE
MANY
DIFFERENT
WAYS TO
FLOWER
MARRIAGE

AFTER SEEING
THIS MANY
PEOPLE, I
REALLY UNDER-
STAND FATHER
GULE'S WORDS.



DON'T
TREAT ME
LIKE A
CHILD!

WANT A
POGGY-
BACK?

TREPP?





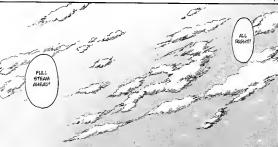
I'LL GIVE YOU
A FROSBRECK



PLEASE DON'T
FORGET TO
BRING A FROSBRECK



Rin and random-
bara...



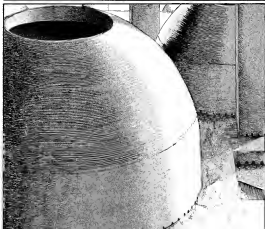
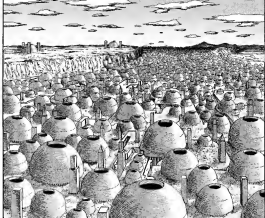
FILL STEAM
HEART!

ALL
TOGETHER!

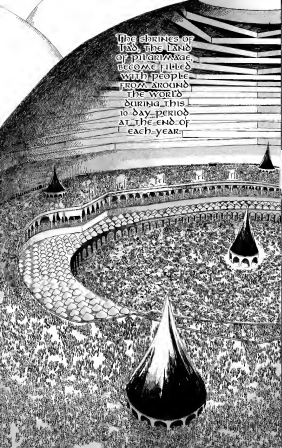


CHAPTER 10
Fagher
Gule's
Gears





The shrines of
Ish, the land
of pilgrimage,
become filled
with people
from around
the world
during this
10 day period
at the end of
each year.









Hee

HELLO. IT LOOKS
LIKE THEY ARE
PRAYING FOR
YOU...



Maybe I don't
understand
you.

~~~~~  
~~~~~  
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~~~~~  
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A  
woman  
sleeps  
in...

OH,  
THANK  
YOU!

SHOULD  
I INTER-  
PRET FOR  
YOU?



IT APPEARS THAT A  
VERY VIRTUOUS BEING  
IS FOLLOWING YOU



YES?

YOU.







DON'T  
LOOK LIKE IT,  
THOUGH.

HENRY? I  
DON'T REALLY  
GET IT, BUT  
THEY SAID SOME  
JEWEL PERSON  
IS FOLLOWING  
ME!



Wow

WOW,  
REALLY?

THANK  
YOU VERY  
MUCH.



Is that  
all?

It's not all,  
it's just the  
beginning.



WELL, THEY  
CAN SPEAK  
DOZENS OF  
DIFFERENT  
LANGUAGES,  
TOO.



WELL,  
WHATEVER THE  
CASE, THOSE  
WOMEN  
WERE REALLY  
SOMEONE.



ANYONE CAN BECOME  
A WISDOMER  
REGARDLESS OF  
ETHNICITY, GENDER,  
OR AGE... BUT ONCE  
SOMEONE BECOMES  
A WISDOMER, THEY  
MUST OFFER THEIR  
ENTIRE BODY UP TO  
MUSE, NEVER  
LEAVING THE WORLD  
AS THEY LIVE.

THEY ARE  
THINGS OF  
THOUSANDS  
OF YEARS  
OLD AND  
STILL  
STAY TO  
AND STUDY  
MUSE.



So cool...



THEY ARE STRONG  
PEOPLE CAPABLE OF  
DOING ANYTHING.  
THESE WORSHIPERS  
ARE CARRIED WITH  
THE CARE OF THE  
ENTIRE EARTH.



THEY TAKE  
CARE OF LOST  
CAMELS AND THE SICK,  
INTERPRET,  
AND EVEN LISTEN TO  
PERSONAL PROBLEMS

WORSHIPERS  
ARE VERY  
BUSY DURING  
THE TIME OF  
PELGRIMAGE.



WHO KNOWS  
THERE ARE  
MORE BOOKS  
THAN THERE  
ARE ISLANDS...



HAVE THEY  
READ ALL OF  
"THE BOOKS  
OF ALKABIR,"  
I WONDER?



YEAH



DON'T YOU  
THINK IT'S  
ABOUT  
TIME WE  
JOINED  
THE OTHERS?











SO THAT'S  
WHAT  
HAPPENED.

I SEE.



A HORRIBLE  
QUESTION...



I'VE FOUND THE  
ANSWER TO A  
QUESTION THAT  
HAS PLAGUED ME  
UP UNTIL NOW.

FINALLY  
...



ABOUT HOW  
THE WORLD  
BEFORE WARS  
WAS FILLED  
WITH WARRING  
PEOPLE.

WE SPOKE  
ABOUT THIS  
BEFORE.  
DIDN'T WE?



?



THE PEOPLE  
BEFORE US,  
HOWEVER,  
POSSESSED  
GREAT  
CULTURE AND  
TECHNOLOGY.



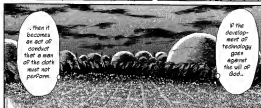
IT'S SAID  
THAT THEY  
WERE EVEN  
CAPABLE OF  
CREATING  
MAN-MADE  
HUMANS.

THEY CON-  
TROLLED  
MASSIVE  
BIRD-LIKE  
MACHINES  
CAPABLE OF  
CARRYING  
THOUSANDS  
OF PEOPLE  
AROUND.

AUTOMATED  
MACHINE  
DOLLS AND  
AUTOMATED  
CALCULATION  
MACHINES  
FILLED THEIR  
LIVES.









...just  
regretted

Was  
Father  
Gale's  
whole  
life...



Forgive me,  
Father Gale...



NOW I FINALLY  
UNDERSTAND  
THE HEARING  
BEHIND IT ALL...

AND THERE  
ARE MORE  
THAN A FEW  
THAT EVEN  
PEN HER  
DOWN IN THE  
FOUR-TEENING  
IMAGE OF A  
HUGE PERSON-  
SPREADING  
FLOWER.

SOME OF THE  
BOOKS OF "THE  
MAJIN" DEPICT  
MAJIN AS A  
BEAST OR  
MONSTER,



UNWISDOM OF  
THE FACT THAT  
WE WERE  
BEING HELD  
BACK BY THAT  
"LINE..."

HUMAN  
TECHNOLOGY  
HAD NOT  
ADVANCED  
FOR  
THOUSANDS  
OF YEARS

WE HAVE  
ALWAYS  
FOUND  
OURSELVES  
SUFFERING  
OVER  
UNEXPLAINED  
FAILURES...



ONCE THINGS  
LEAVE THE HANDS  
OF HUMANS AND  
BECOME AUTO-  
MATED, ENTERING  
THE WORLD OF  
"MACHINES," WE  
BECOME FILLED  
WITH ANXIETY, AND  
ONLY WANT MORE  
AND MORE.

THAT LINE SHOULD  
HAVE SIMPLY BEEN  
PLACED DOWN ON  
THIS WORLD ITSELF  
-- THE WORLD OF  
"TOOLS," WHICH ARE  
NO MORE THAN  
EXTENSIONS OF  
HUMAN HANDS...



WE ARE LIKE  
CAGED BIRDS.

BUT OUR  
LIVES OF  
FULFILLMENT  
ARE PRO-  
TECTED

NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
WE WANT TO,  
WE CANNOT  
ADVANCE...



...OF THE  
GENTLE,  
SMILING  
MARIET

WE'RE PET  
BIRDS...



WIFE  
ISN'T ONLY  
GENTLE...

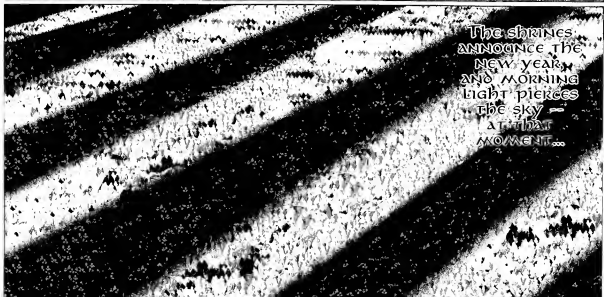


WHILE THAT SMILE  
GENTLY PROTECTS  
THE HUMAN HEART,  
IT ALSO STEALS THE  
RIGHT OF HUMANS  
TO PROGRESS.



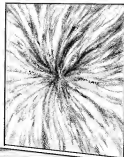
It is  
both a  
gentle  
and  
cruel  
smile.



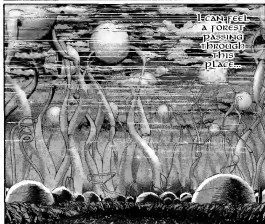


The shrines  
ANNOUNCE THE  
NEW YEAR  
AND MORNING  
LIGHT pierces  
the sky  
AT THAT  
MOMENT...



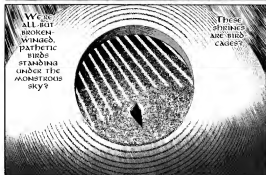
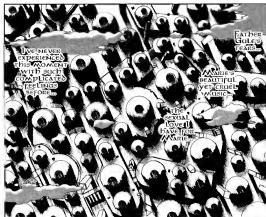


...ALL the  
people  
with their  
DIFFERING  
LANGUAGES,  
CUSTOMS,  
AND BELIEFS  
ARE JOINED  
TOGETHER  
WITH  
MARIE.



This is a  
blessed  
time...

Every heart  
here is  
emitting a  
wonderful  
sound...









You who waits for the sign.....



Now, the time has come.....



chapter II

the day

marie

broke



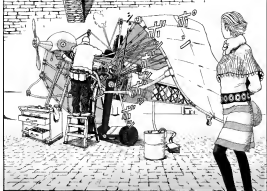












PAPA, MAMA SAID  
SHE WANTS YOU  
TO JOIN HER  
DOWN AT THE  
MARBOT.



OK!



ALL  
RIGHT,  
THANKS.

MAMA  
?







THIS  
ONE,  
TOOK!

OH, IT'S  
WORKING!



THE AUDIO  
PLAYER,  
TOOK!

FATHER  
GOLD, THE  
CALCULATOR  
STARTED  
WORKING!



BUT HOW  
LONG WILL  
IT LAST?

FATHER



OUR  
RESEARCH  
WAS  
CORRECT?

WE DID  
IT!

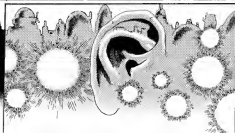


Ka...



IS GOD  
PLAYING A  
JOKE ON  
US?

THERE WAS A  
GUY LIKE THIS  
60 YEARS  
AGO, TOO







But  
where  
did  
it  
all  
go...

I can  
hear  
all the  
things  
that  
never  
worked  
before.



This is  
the sound  
of people's  
existence...



*JUST SHUT  
UP AND  
MAKE YOUR  
SPARE  
PARTS!*

*SAY THAT  
AGAIN!*



The  
violent  
roar of  
anger...



DO IT!

WE'RE GONNA  
SO HAVE SOME  
FUN. YOU'LL  
FINISH UP HERE,  
WON'T YOU?

The dull  
sound of  
laziness  
and arro-  
gance...





ALL THEY  
DO IS SLEEP  
ALL YEAR  
ROUND.

DON'T YOU THINK  
IT'S WEIRD THAT  
WE SHOULD TRADE  
OUR MACHINES  
THAT WE WORKED  
SO HARD ON WITH  
FRUIT FROM PALO?



The hard  
sound of a  
wall being  
erected  
between  
the islands.



I'M SORRY,  
BUT I CAN'T  
GIVE UP!

WE'RE  
ALREADY  
MARRIED.

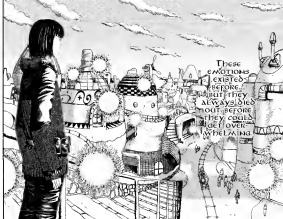
Kai is  
mine!

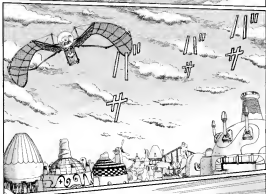
I WANT  
KEELAI  
BUT  
SHOULD  
I DO?

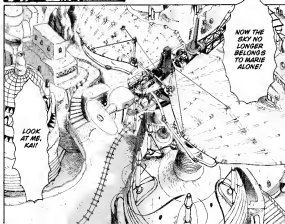
I won't let  
anyone  
have him!



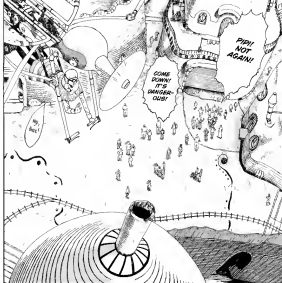
The sounds  
of jealousy  
lust... and  
the possible extreme right  
strands lined  
together.















...AND TRADE  
THEM TO THE  
OTHER ISLANDS  
FOR LOTS OF  
GOLD AND  
SILVER.

WE SHOULD  
HAVE A  
WHOLE  
BUNCH OF  
THESE...



HEY,  
DAMSEL.



EEEEEX!

THAT'S  
A GOOD  
ONE.

IT'S A  
GOOD  
DEAL.  
WANT IT?

HMM...



I'VE NEVER  
SEEN ONE  
BEFORE.

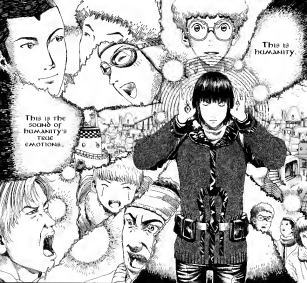
IT'S A  
FIGHT...



STOP IT,  
YOU TWO!

DAMN  
IT! YOU  
CAN'T  
SAY  
THAT  
TO ME!







Are they  
drowning  
it out?



I CAN'T  
HEAR IT!

That's why  
EVERYONE'S  
EMOTIONS  
ARE RUNNING  
WILD!

I CAN'T  
HEAR  
MARIE'S  
MUSIC.















Chapter 12  
THE LEFT  
HAND THAT  
OPENS DOORS



The  
FOREST  
AND THE  
THREE  
WISE MEN  
ARE HERE  
IN THE  
TOWN...!





TIME'S  
STANDING  
STILL...



From now on, you will be more than human, and eventually, the Time Arch itself will come.



THE TRUE  
MELODY??

IS THIS...



IS THIS  
THE TRUE  
MELODY??

...AND  
PEOPLE'S  
EMOTIONS  
HAVE BEEN  
SET FREE...

MAYBE  
MUSIC HAS  
DISAP-  
PEARED...

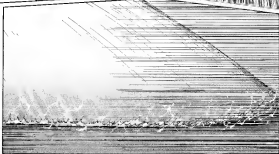








Your left hand can open the door.





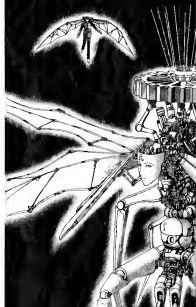






I'm  
FLYING...

It's so  
deep...



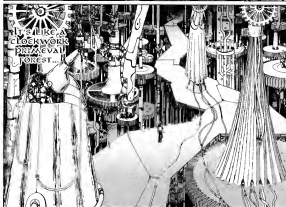








ARE WE  
UNDER  
THE WORK  
SHOPS...?

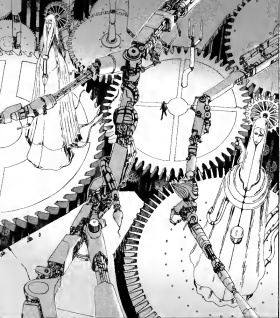


IT'S LIKE A  
CLOCKWORK  
PRIMAEVAL  
FOREST...



IT'S THE  
FOREST...  
WE'RE  
UNDER THE  
FOREST

THIS  
ISN'T A  
WORK  
SHOP.

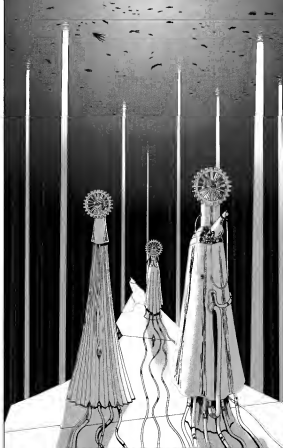


Where  
are we  
going...?



THE  
MACHINES  
ARE ALL  
QUIET...

It's so  
quiet...  
There's  
NOT A  
SINGLE  
SOUND...



There's  
water  
over our  
heads.



This  
is far  
beyond  
human  
imagina-  
tion...



It's  
filled  
with  
clock-  
work  
gods that  
have all  
stopped  
moving.



It's the  
work  
of God.







Clouds!



ARE WE  
UP ABOVE  
THE WORK-  
SHOPS?



THAT'S  
MARIE'S  
SHADOW  
ON THE  
OCEAN  
BELOW  
US...



ARE WE  
INSIDE  
MARICE?





chapter 13

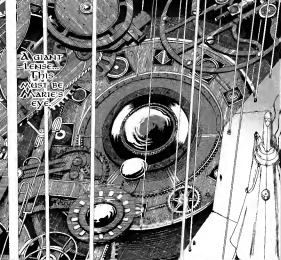
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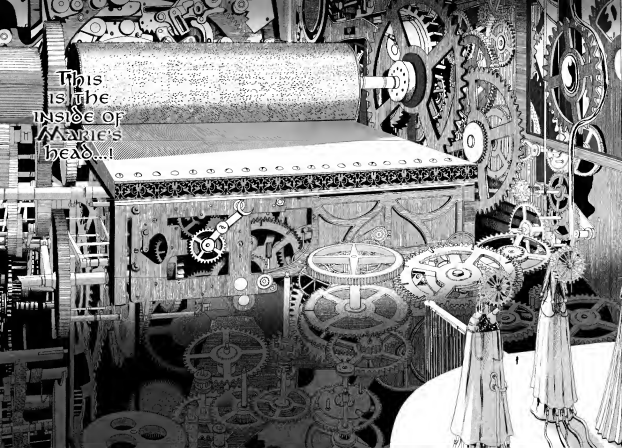


How far  
have I  
walked  
following  
the Three  
Wise  
Men?





This  
is the  
inside of  
MARIE's  
head...!



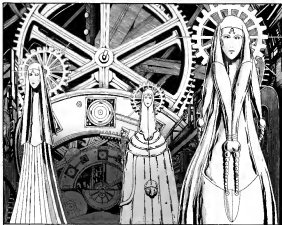
IS  
THAT...

...A  
MAGIC  
DOOT?

3







*Your right hand can move time.*







Because you built Marie... Humans built Marie...



Humans created the idea of god... Gods exist because humans exist.



In order for gods to exist, there must be someone to give them form and acknowledge them.



*And then the question must be asked, whether or not these people wish for their gods' confirmed existence.*



*The confirmation comes once every 50 years.*



*This time it is you, Kai of First... It is all up to you.*



... WHETHER  
OR NOT TO  
TURN THE  
KEY...



IT'S UP  
TO ME...



... we will  
return to  
a peaceful,  
but un-  
changing  
world...

If I  
turn  
this  
little  
key...



Humans  
have the  
desire and  
capacity  
for  
progress...



BUT IS  
THAT  
REALLY  
HAPPI-  
NESS?



MARIE IS  
REPRESSING  
IT...



Parthenon  
Gate

MARIE'S  
DARLIE IS  
BOTH GENTLE  
AND COARSE.



Is this machine  
technology's  
Last or  
technological  
progression? What  
we can always  
trust for sure is  
Marie's Last -  
we will reach  
there.





When  
people  
try to fly,  
they are  
stapped  
down.

Complex  
machinery  
breaks.

Our idol  
Marie is an  
intolerant  
and jealous  
god who  
possibly  
stops us  
from setting  
foot in her  
territory.

I want to  
believe in  
humanity.

Humans  
should be able  
to control  
their violent  
tendencies.

I WANT  
TO KNOW  
IF MY  
FEELINGS  
HAVE BEEN  
MANIPU-  
LATED.

AND  
MORE THAN  
ANYTHING...



When those  
pictures from  
Mami  
revealed  
that customer  
I was test



I SAW  
HER AS A  
WOMAN  
AND EVEN  
HAD SEXUAL  
FEELINGS  
FOR HER.



I FELL  
IN LOVE  
WITH  
HER.







...I  
WON'T  
TURN  
IT.

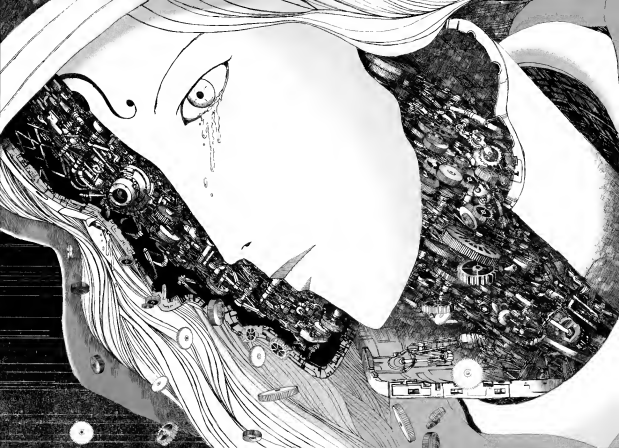
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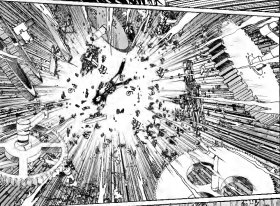
I BELIEVE IN  
HUMANITY AND  
WISH FOR  
PROGRESS.

I DON'T  
NEED YOUR  
MUSIC















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chapter 14

mechanism  
of the  
world













UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE GULE REPORTED THAT THE 4,000-MEMBER-STRONG LIBERATION ARMY TANK CORPS ATTACKED FIRST ALONG HIGHWAY 10, SEIZING CIVILIAN ASSETS AND FORCING REFUGEES TO



THE LIBERATION ARMY'S URBAN CAMPAIGN TODAY RESULTED IN TODAY CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. IN THE TEN DAYS SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING, THE DEATH TOLL HAS CLIMBED TO OVER 10,000.











IF YOU DON'T  
COMPLY, WE  
WILL BE FORCED  
TO LAUNCH A  
NUCLEAR  
ATTACK.

WE DEMAND THE  
IMMEDIATE  
WITHDRAWAL OF  
TROOPS FROM  
THE HOLY LAND  
OF ISRAEL.

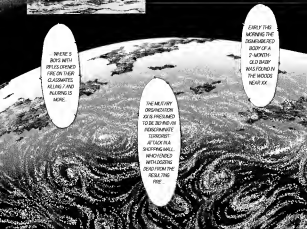
DO NOT  
FORGET THAT  
WE HAVE  
NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS AS  
WELL.

WE CAN DISCUSS  
THIS FURTHER  
ONCE YOU HAVE  
REDUCED YOUR  
OWN TROOPS.







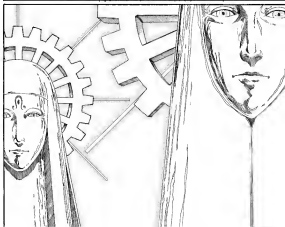


...WHERE 3 BOYS DRENCH FIRE ON THEIR CLASSMATES KILLING 7 AND INJURING 15 MORE.

THE MILITARY ORGANIZATION WAS PROCLAIMED TO BE AN IN-VA-AN IN-COMMUNIST TERRORIST ATTACK IN A SHOPPING MALL WHICH ENDED WITH LOSING DEAD FROM THE REGA THE FIRE...

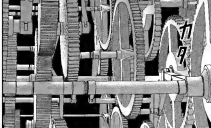
EARLY THE MORNING THE DAMAGED BODY OF A 2-MONTH-OLD BABY WAS FOUND IN THE WOODS NEAR AK.







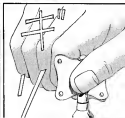
I WANT TO  
GO BACK  
TO THE  
WORKSHOP  
WHERE ALL  
MY FRIENDS  
ARE...



...where  
nothing  
happens.



BACK  
TO THAT  
peace-  
ful  
world...

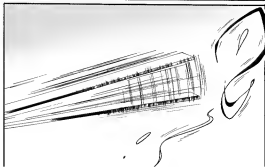
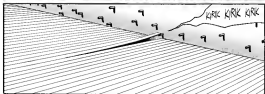
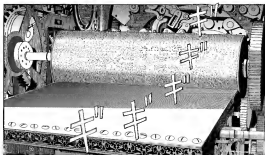


This is the  
Place God  
has drawn  
If crossing  
It means  
losing  
Marie's  
protection  
It must be  
avoided at  
all costs.

What  
more  
can't I  
wish for?  
One wish-  
per day is  
more than  
enough,  
isn't it?

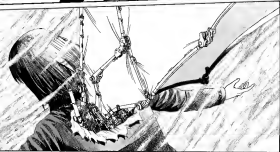








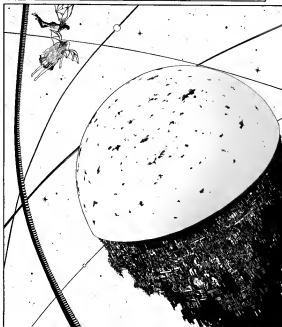


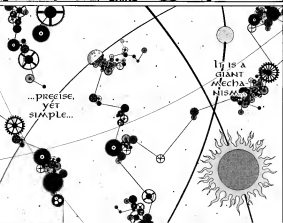




















And so  
I completed  
my duty as  
part of god...

chapter 15  
the morning  
hai  
disappeared







YOU'LL  
HEAR  
ME OUT,  
WON'T  
YOU?

I WANT TO  
TELL YOU  
EVERYTHING.



WAIT?

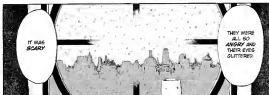
He told me how  
in exchange for  
Marie's tender  
care, there was  
a few thousand  
dollars as a  
reward.



Kim told me  
a long time  
ago that he  
was going to  
the police  
and meet the  
Theresa White  
Marie when he  
was ten.

and how  
possibly  
he'd even  
the money  
from the  
Marie's  
death.





IT WAS  
SCARY

THEY WERE  
ALL SO  
ANGRY AND  
THEIR EYES  
GLITTERED



AND YOU'RE  
THE ONE WHO  
REINSTALED  
IT

I'M  
APPREHENSIVE



THIS IS  
ALL SO  
AMAZING,  
TAKUWA

SO THERE'S  
A MUSIC  
BOX INSIDE  
MARIE



MARIE'S MUSIC IS  
BACK TO NORMAL  
NOW, RIGHT?



I CAN'T  
HEAR IT



I CAN'T HEAR  
IT ANYMORE.



BUT YOU  
TURNED  
THE KEY.

HEH?



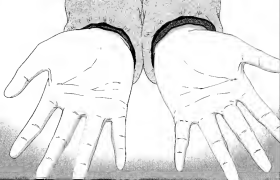
THAT'S  
NOT IT



SO I'VE LOST  
THAT POWER.

I HAVE  
FULFILLED  
MY DUTY.









TODAY I'M  
LEAVING  
FOR TAB.



I'VE  
MADE UP  
MY MIND.

I'M GOING  
TO BECOME  
A PRIEST.



Y-YOU SHOULD TALK  
IT OVER WITH  
EVERYONE FIRST...  
J-JUST WAIT.

WAIT,  
THIS IS TOO  
SUDDEN...

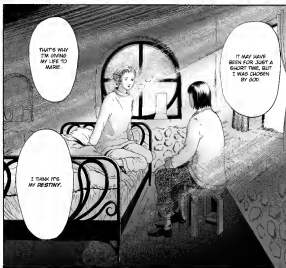
D-DON'T  
JOKE ABOUT  
THIS.

WHY DOES  
IT HAVE TO  
BE TODAY?

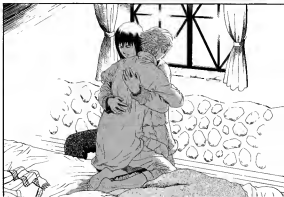


I LIKE  
EVERYONE  
TOO MUCH.

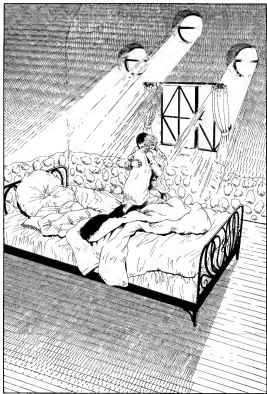
IF I SEE THE  
OTHERS, I  
WON'T BE ABLE  
TO LEAVE.















The central  
place was  
where  
played in.



The wind  
mills we  
always  
brought to



The work-  
shops were  
so quiet in  
the early  
morning...



The stars of the  
scenes are passed  
at every day.



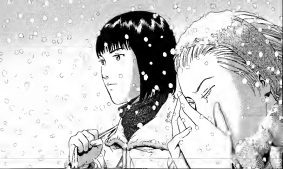
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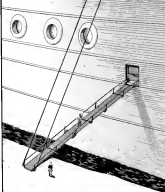


They  
know Kai  
is leaving  
today.

They  
know.









...PPH

LET'S GET  
MARRIED IN  
OUR NEXT  
LIVES...



IF I HAD  
NEVER  
RECEIVED THE  
"GLOOM"...

...I WOULD  
HAVE  
PROPOSED  
TO YOU.







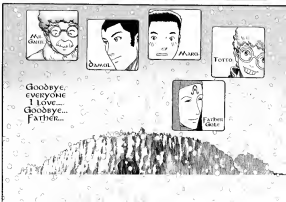
It was so  
sudden...  
I couldn't  
believe it  
was really  
forever.

Kan left on the  
front steps of  
the morning,  
the snow  
falling as it  
pulled away.

PLEASE,  
I WANT  
TO WAKE  
UP NOW!

I MUST BE  
DREAMING.

THIS  
CAN'T BE  
TRUE!

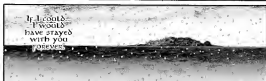




I lied  
when  
I said I  
would  
become  
a priest  
in Tad.



Forgive  
me,  
Pipi.



If I could  
I would  
have stayed  
with you  
forever.



But that  
was all  
I could  
say.



I UNDER-  
STOOD  
WHAT  
I WAS!

When I  
THINK OF  
MAMIE  
KEY, I  
UNDER-  
STOOD  
EVERY  
THING.



I CAN'T  
EVEN  
SEE HER  
NOW.

Now that  
I've fulfilled  
my duty,  
my love for  
MAMIE has  
disappeared.





GOODBYE,  
MARIE.

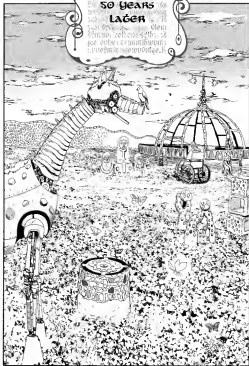


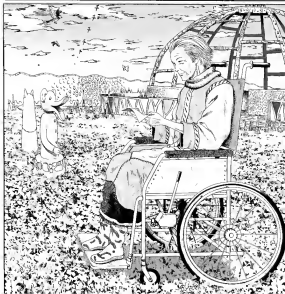
Goodbye...  
Pip!

Goodbye...  
my friends  
at the  
workshop.











...BUT I'VE  
NEVER BEEN  
ABLE TO SEE  
MARE.

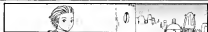
I LOOKED  
SO HARD  
AFTER KAI  
LEFT...

IT'S BEEN  
50 YEARS...



WHY  
COULD I  
NOT SEE HER...

...WHEN I  
COULDN'T?



I REMEMBER the boy with the strange marks on his hands who had just come to the workshop...

He was depressed after having lost his father.





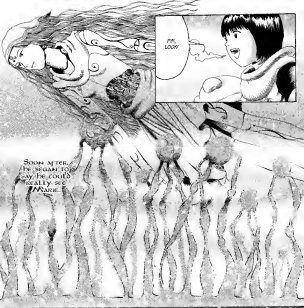
In his weakened  
emotional state,  
he seemed to  
find something  
in *Praxis*.



...and  
praying.



he  
started  
coming  
to the  
hall of  
worship  
every  
day  
after  
that...



SOON AFTER,  
HE BEGAN TO  
SAY HE COULD  
GREATLY SEE  
MARK.



OF COURSE I  
COULDN'T SEE  
ANYTHING.

NOW...



TWO TWO  
YEARS LATER,  
WHEN THE  
WAS TEN,  
HE WENT  
CASSING.



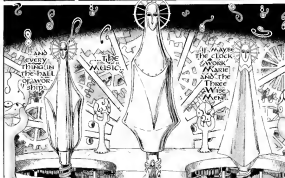
BUT... I  
WONDER...



HE SAID  
DURING THAT  
TIME, HE MET  
THE THREE  
WISE MEN...

...AND THEY  
TOLD HIM THE  
MARKS ON HIS  
PALM MEANT  
HE HAD BEEN  
CHOSEN...

HE  
RECALLED  
THE MEMORY  
OF THOSE 10  
DAYS WHEN  
HE TURNED  
EIGHTEEN.



AND  
EVERY  
THING IN  
THE HALL  
OF WORSHIP.

THE  
WALKS.

IF ONLY  
THE CLOCK  
GLOCK  
MAGIE  
AND THE  
THREE  
WISER  
MAGIE.



...IN  
his  
head.

...ALONG  
with the  
marks he  
was born  
with,  
COMBINED  
TO CREATE  
THIS IMAGE  
OF *MARIE*...



I'M NOT  
SURE ABOUT  
THAT, MR...



HE SAID THE  
THREE WOMEN  
LOOKED JUST  
LIKE YOU!

page



WHATEVER  
FROM OUR  
TALKS.

I BELIEVE  
MARIE  
REALLY  
EXISTS



EVERYONE  
WHO MAKES A  
PILGRIMAGE TO  
TAD PRAYS TO  
MARES...



THE STORY  
OF MARES  
EXISTS ALL  
OVER THE  
WORLD.



... BUT THEY  
ALL SEE HER  
DIFFERENTLY.



... EXIST ONLY  
IN THE BOOK  
OF PRAY.

THE  
FOREST  
AND THE  
TOWER  
WAS  
HERE...



ONLY A FEW  
ISLANDS  
WORSHIP THE  
STATUE OF  
THE GODDESS  
MARES.

IN FACT,  
ONLY A FEW  
COUNTRIES  
PRACTICE  
IDOLATRY  
AT ALL.

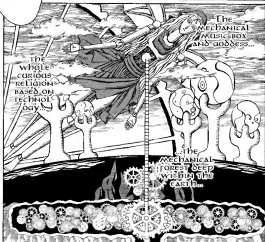


AND FROM THIS OLD PICTURE, OUR IMAGINATIVE ANCESTORS...

...BUILT THE WALL OF WORSHIP.



THERE IS ONLY ONE ILLUSTRATION IN THE BOOK OF PEST.



The whole curious religion based on technology...

The MECHANICAL MUSIC BOX AND GODDESS...

...The mechanical forest deep within the earth...



BUT EVEN IF YOU  
BELIEVE KATO  
GOSSIPING WAS ALL  
A DELUSION...

IT'S TRUE YOU  
CAN SEE THE  
INFLUENCE OF  
OUR WORK-  
SHOPS IN IT.



...HOW DO YOU  
EXPLAIN THIS  
PEACEFUL  
WORLD WHERE  
PEOPLE NEVER  
FIGHT?



AND MOST  
IMPORT-  
ANTLY...

...WHAT ABOUT  
HIS STRANGE  
HEARING?  
OR HOW OUR  
TECHNOLOGY  
CAN NEVER  
ADVANCE?



IN  
MY OLD  
AGE.

IT'S JUST  
SOMETHING  
I'VE  
STARTED TO  
WONDER...



SO IT'S  
JUST MADE  
ME GUILTY

NO MATTER  
HOW HARD I  
TRY, I CAN'T  
SEE MARK OR  
HEAR HER  
MUSIC.



SO MAYBE  
SOMEWHERE  
THERE'S  
ALREADY  
ANOTHER  
CHOSEN CHILD  
LIKE HIM.

OH... KAI SAID  
EVERY 10 YEARS  
SOMEONE IS  
CHOSEN TO  
REAFFIRM GOD'S  
EXISTENCE.

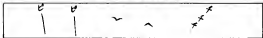




THERE IS A  
GIRL WITH A  
VERY GOOD  
NOSE WHO CAN  
SEE A GIANT  
FLOWER...

OR  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT.

YES... MAYBE  
SOMEWHERE  
FAR AWAY...



YES,  
GILLY KEE

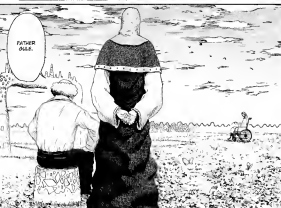
HE  
HE  
HE  
HE



GRACE  
GRACE



DID HE WRITE  
SOMETHING  
FUNNY?











TOTTO, HANE  
AND BENO  
SAIT

But  
eventually...

SAI,  
LET'S GO  
DINNER

KAI, LET'S  
TAKE A  
DRAM  
PICTURE

HAI,  
PIPI, KAI

There  
were so  
many  
strange  
things  
that  
happened

HELO

...everyone  
also  
started  
to  
believe  
in  
Kai, too

And the  
Lubers  
would go  
on and  
off to his  
house and  
the doors  
would  
open and  
close on  
its own

Animals  
flocked  
to him, so  
you could  
always  
tell where  
he was.

And  
he



HAI DID A LOT  
FOR US.



AND THAT  
CHANGING  
ABILITY!

YOU HAD TO  
DO HERE...



FIRST TREAS-  
URES THE  
OWN HE  
FOUND TO  
THIS DAY.



BUT HE WAS  
CLEARLY  
DIFFERENT  
FROM THE  
OTHER  
SPECTERS.



AT FIRST I  
THOUGHT HAI  
WAS ONE OF  
THEM.

MANY  
SPECTERS  
CAME TO ME  
AT NIGHT.



AFTER ALL, HE  
WAS THE ONLY  
ONE WHO COULD  
SEE NARUTO'S  
PHYSICAL FORM.



... THAT WHEN  
HE BECAME A  
PART OF GOD,  
HIS BODY COULD  
NO LONGER  
CONTAIN HIS  
SPIRIT.

IT WOULD  
BE MORE  
ACCURATE  
TO SAY...



THAT YOU  
COULD SPEAK  
WITH KAI.

WE WERE ALL  
ENVOYED OF  
YOU AND FOLK.



DANGL WAS  
ALWAYS  
JEALOUS.

DAMN IT, I  
CAN'T EVEN  
DEFEAT MY  
RIVAL...



WHAT WAS  
HE LIKE AT  
EIGHTEEN?

FATHER  
SAID...



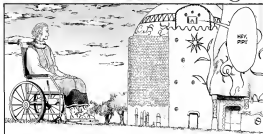
... AND WORE  
DIFFERENT  
CLOTHING  
EVERY DAY  
JUST LIKE  
ANY OTHER  
NORMAL BOY.



WELL...

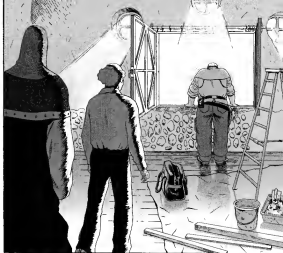
HE  
WORRIED  
ABOUT  
LOVE...

AND  
SEX...

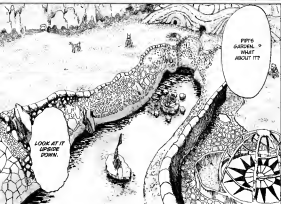


HEY,  
DID?





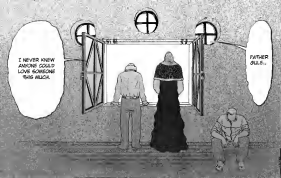






















I could  
NEVER  
beat you...  
Mario.



Mariko  
奏る音楽  
END

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With all the horrible things going on  
in the world, I hope this book  
will bring a little of Marie's  
music to your heart. ☺

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